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## **HENRY BIROTH.**

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Henry Biroth, a member of the Illinois State Historical Society, died in Germany on May 29, 1912. His remains were brought to Chicago, where funeral services were held June 23, 1912.

The State Druggists Convention held in Springfield, June 12, 1912, adopted the following memorial.

### **IN MEMORIAM.**

On May 29th, 1912, a pharmacist of more than national reputation closed his eyes—not in his home, but abroad, in Baden Baden. Henry Biroth lived a long and useful life in Chicago—was a charter member and President of the I. Ph. A. 1882–83, Honorary President of the A. Ph. A. 1911–12, Local Secretary of the memorable World's Fair A. Ph. A. meeting in 1893, held the degree of Master of Pharmacy from the University of Illinois, and was twice President of the old Chicago College of Pharmacy, Charter member of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association, and its President in 1903. His later years were spent in refined retirement—traveling in the old world, visiting art galleries, museums, libraries, and places of historic interest.

He was born in Posen, September 19, 1839. He was an apprentice of Dr. F. Mahla, one of the leading apothecaries and chemists of early Chicago. In 1861, he enlisted in the Union Army. At the time of the Big Fire, he was operating the old first German Pharmacy of Louis Wahrlich, later J. Roemheld and Dietzsch Blocki. After the fire, he went back to the south side and branched out into the manufacture of pharmaceutical products.

He established the Biroth prize for microscopy in the old Chicago College of Pharmacy, this prize consisting of a fine compound microscope which has been awarded

annually to a student of the College for more than twenty years.

Greater pharmacists than Henry Biroth have lived, but none of purer, sweeter character than his. He was modest to a fault, generous, helpful to the younger men in pharmacy. A most loving and lovable man whose memory should be held in reverence by Illinois pharmacists.

His death is a loss to our cause, to our city and to our Nation.

We offer our profoundest sympathy to Mr. Biroth's family.

The above resolution was adopted by a silent rising vote at the annual convention of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association at Springfield, June 12, 1912.

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#### DEATH OF DR. J. H. MAGEE.

On May 29, 1912, Dr. J. H. Magee of Springfield, Ill., president of the Colored Illinois Historical Society, died suddenly of heart failure. Dr. Magee was one of the most prominent colored men of the State of Illinois. He was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, about seventy years ago. He was a preacher and a school teacher. He was educated exceptionally well for a colored man of his time. It was not easy in the days previous to the Civil War for a negro to obtain educational opportunities. He attended Spurgeon college in London, England, and did excellent service for his race along educational, religious and civic lines.

He was the author of several books relating to the problems of the colored people; the most noted of which is entitled "The Black Man's Burden." At one time he was a teacher in the schools of the southern counties of Illinois, and became acquainted with Secretary of State, James A. Rose. He was much attached to Mr. Rose, and the Secretary had a high regard for him.

Dr. Magee was at the time of his death and had been for some years past, employed in the office of the State Printer